

COUNCIL BRIEFS

November 4, 2016

2016-17 One Book, One Town focuses on family lineage: The community read known as “One Book, One Town” has selected *Of Beetles and Angels* by Mawi Asgedom, a boy's remarkable journey from a refugee camp to Harvard University. This year's book builds on the West Hartford Libraries' “Memories in Migration” project that captured stories of immigrants who have settled in West Hartford. Special events and book discussions will wrap around the central question, “What's your story?” One Book, One Town, now in its second year, is designed to bring the community together by reading a common book. Learn more at WestHartfordCT.gov/1book1town.

Remembering our Veterans: Help is needed to place American flags on the 1200+ military graves at Fairview Cemetery, located on Pleasant Street, on Saturday, November 5 at 8:30 AM. If you can help, simply come to Fairview Cemetery. Please bring a screwdriver or similar tool to aid in planting the flags because the ground may be hard.

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial on Friday, November 11 at 11 AM. Rain location: First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street. Keynote speaker is Dr. Karen Daly, CAPT USN (ret).

#ThisIsHowIBridge: On November 1, the Bridge Family Center kicked off a month-long Instagram campaign #ThisIsHowIBridge featuring a daily photo of something it does to support the community (i.e, connecting with students, working with police to help at-risk youth, playing basketball at the teen center to create healthy connections, etc.).

The Bridge invites the public to follow them on [Instagram@bridgefamilycenter](https://www.instagram.com/bridgefamilycenter) and tag them when you post to #ThisIsHowIBridge. Parents and kids are invited to take their own photos showcasing their good work in the community. The Bridge will stay connected with its followers with supportive information.

Proper Leaf Disposal: The Department of Public Works offers a reminder to residents and contractors that West Hartford streets, catch basins and watercourses need to stay clear of leaves during the fall leaf collection season. Leaf bags and leaf piles that are placed in the road pose a traffic hazard, clog storm drains, cause street flooding and impede snow plowing operations. In addition, leaves should never be discarded into a waterway. If your property abuts a watercourse, please remove any fallen trees, branches and other debris as these things have the potential to obstruct the flow of water and increase the flood risk on your property and properties downstream.

The annual Leaf Bag Collection is underway and will continue through December 30th. Each week, on your trash collection day, 30-gallon paper leaf bags will be collected.

Entertainment Licensing Ordinance: A new Entertainment Licensing Ordinance was passed on October 25 that will require any business wishing to have live or pre-recorded amplified musical performances, and/or dancing to this type of music by patrons or performers for the benefit of an audience of two or more persons, will need to get a license from the West Hartford Police Department. (Background music is exempt.) The ordinance was publicly posted on November 3, 2016 and will go into effect 10 days later, or November 13, 2016.

All current businesses will have 30 days from November 13, 2016 to obtain a license. After December 13, 2016 businesses wishing to have entertainment, as defined in the ordinance, must have a license issued by the Chief of Police.

There is no fee for the license and there is no expiration date. Licenses are not transferable. [Applications are available on-line.](#)

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